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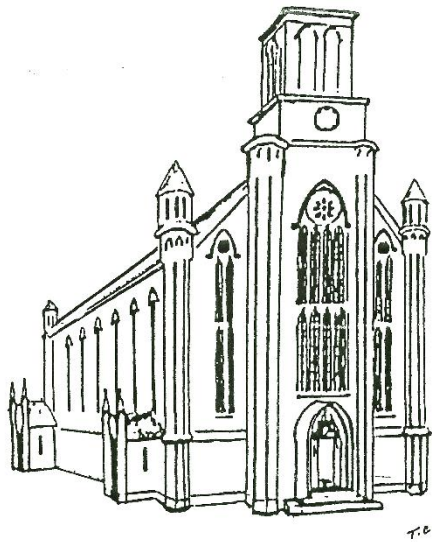
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Office Administrators: Brenda Cameron & Robyn Abbott  
Sexton: Randy Randall

## Wilmot United Church – Vision Statement

***Wilmot United Church*** is an open and welcoming presence in downtown Fredericton, putting our Christian faith into action to be a light in God's world. We welcome all into the life and ministry of our faith community, including persons of any age, ability, race, ethnicity, place of origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, family configuration, and social and economic circumstance.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Ministry Team: Rev. Mary Tingley

Dear friends,

Such blessings arise when one reminisces on the past year and all the interactions with folks at Wilmot. Bob and I are deeply grateful for being called to witness divine-driven wisdom and action among community members. While the new normal has been far less challenging than lockdown, we have had to acclimatize to life with zoom and live streaming. Through in-person gatherings, I was blessed to meet many folks even if it was only from the eyes up who share their faith in profound ways. In this next year, I look forward to seeing the full smiles of each of you. I also deeply appreciate the great care taken by the whole community of Wilmot to walk with a focus on the needs of 'the other' during these challenging times. I think that trait is part of your DNA.

In 2022, our worship gatherings were enriched with marvellous guests: Steve Patterson who shared his experiences in the 12 Neighbours Community, honouring P.I.E. day with our Radical Hospitality Committee, Bill Chambre on the peace presence in Palestine, David Coburn on the impacts of Covid on food diversity on World Food Sunday, and our gift of John Leroux on the engaging topic of Aboriginal art for our Anniversary Sunday. We have also been so blessed to have the gifts of our Music Ministry lift our spirits with songs and instrumental pieces that help us ponder the Word and the people.

Many thanks to our Music Director, Stephen Peacock, Organist, Margaret MacDonald, and the members of the Choir and the Handbell Choir for sharing their gifts.

Growing in wonder, we also began the work of Downtown United which stems from a generous donation of Mr. Bud Bird, to grow a stronger ministry (Mission) of service for the downtown in collaboration with St. Paul's United Church. Searching for our deep passions and sources of joy has been the theme of our consultant team from Credence & Co. They continue to work with us collecting data and interviewing folks from a wide variety of sources within both churches as we continue to step into the future.

Growing in faith is a perfect way to describe the richness of our connections with our young at heart. I am grateful for all the dedicated work of the Faith Formation Committee, chaired by Mary Lynn Cameron, who offered their talents in reshaping our interactions with our young. From introducing Godly Play to sampling Messy Church, coordinating Lenten Letter Pals, celebrating our graduates, organizing church picnics to honour Rev. Ellen Beairsto on her retirement, meeting to knit a congregational retreat (coming to Wilmot in the fall of 2023) and celebrating Advent with an intergenerational faith story of the Nativity. Mary Lynn Cameron and Amy Foster McAllister, along with many special volunteers have brought life to our young at heart and I am deeply thankful for their efforts and creativity.

Growing in understanding, I was introduced to the working of the truly marvellous and active UCW here at Wilmot, who welcomed me with grace and open arms and with whom I sampled lots of delicious goodies and shared faith-filled conversations. We also engaged in the many ways we celebrate the Spirit among us with soul-nurturing Bible Study, Book Groups, Seekers, and intentional spiritual time with Lent and Advent gatherings offered by our faith leaders Rose-Hannah Gaskin and Don MacDougall. Amid the Spirit soul-work, we held a Progressive Dinner which was a tradition much missed due to Covid, and broke bread on many occasions in different ways as well. There is so much that Wilmot accomplishes in so many loving ways.

Watching the work of the Housing First Project unfold filled me with hope.

I was also introduced to the work of CAGH (Community Action Group on Homelessness) where a collective group express their care and support for those who are struggling with poverty, mental health and housing issues. This helped me gain a better and broader picture of the needs and services of the folks in Fredericton.

These are just a few of the multiple and diverse moments that I share now.

Engaging with a pastoral presence has been a deep privilege to share with many folks and their families. We both laugh and share tears together as we face the many joys and challenges life brings to us.

I cannot name each of you in this letter of thanks, but I would like to recognize our Council and especially Shirley Cleave for providing support as I continue to learn about the fullness of life here at Wilmot and I add special acknowledgement to Kathy Aubin who helped me learn the ropes and sort out what keys belong to which doors, to Brenda Cameron and Robyn Abbott who help keep me on my toes supporting the spirit and work of Wilmot, and to Randy Randall who provides so much support to us all!

Most of all, I pray without ceasing for this profoundly caring faith home that extends beyond the walls of this structure to celebrate the presence of God within them, boldly living into Christ's call and sustained by the Spirit. May God keep you the blessing you already are to all.

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Mary Tingley

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MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE ADMIN TEAM

We want to thank everyone for their warm and friendly welcome as we—Brenda and Robyn—adjusted to our new positions at Wilmot. It's been lovely meeting you all!

There's a lot to learn, but with the support of everyone within the Wilmot Community, we feel confident we'll be able to offer the administrative support the church and the congregation need to accomplish their aims.

Feel free to stop by the office and introduce yourself if you haven't already!

Brenda Cameron

Robyn Abbott

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## STATISTICS 2022

### MARRIAGES:

1. Ian Cormier and Shyanne Keith
2. Bradley Robert Leith Hunter and Brianne Nicole Reed

### BAPTISMS:

1. Nathaniel Hall
2. Henry Hall
3. Cove Daisy Joy Bourgeois

### DEATHS:

1. Susan Shore
2. Joyce Cyr
3. Henry Lloyd Coffin
4. Mary Jean Doris Evans
5. Allan George Green
6. Harold "Harry" Jagoe
7. Dr. Kathleen Elleda Cruttenden
8. William James "Bill" Young
9. Keith Chesley Jones
10. Rev. Clifford Moase
11. Wouter Johannes (Jack) Oudemans
12. John David Stewart MacDermid
13. Frank Albert Ryder
14. Malcolm Neal Miller
15. Robert Brent Anderson
16. Laurie Winifred Drain
17. Bertrand Edward Jarvis

### TRANSFERS INTO WILMOT:

1. Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin
2. Rev. Kelly Higgins
3. Griffin Higgins

## CONFIRMATIONS

1. Ashley Hall

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## CHURCH COUNCIL

### **Wilmot United Church Council Report for 2022**

The Council met on January 26, March 23, May 25, September 28 and November 30. In addition, we met on June 22 to discuss ways to re-engage members of the congregation. We discussed concerns and actions and came up with many positive ideas.

Lynn MacKinnon and Judy Coates were elected as members-at-large to the Council Executive. We thanked Steve MacKenzie and Derek Ness for their time on the Executive. The Executive met in June and November to deal with administrative matters between Council meetings.

We adapted to the various phases of Covid throughout the year including in-person and video worship. In April, we began coffee hour again, which was welcomed by all as a return to normal.

The Search Committee reported to Council regarding the search to complete the Ministry team for Wilmot. They adapted the search parameters but finally felt that they were not able to complete their search. The Committee met over 50 times during this process. In November, we accepted their request to disband and thanked them all for the hours of work and their patience as they endeavoured to fulfill their search.

Because we were not able to fill the half-time ministry position, in August we hired Amy Foster-McAlister as our Children and Youth Program Coordinator to work with our Youth Group and Sunday School.

After accepting Kathy Aubin's resignation, we were able to hire two people as Office Administrators. They began their work in the summer and we are pleased that Brenda Cameron and Robyn Abbott are part of our church staff.



They bring a variety of skills to this position. We thanked Kathy for her work at Wilmot and helping to train our new staff members.

The Heritage Project continues to address structural work for Wilmot Church, and we thank Greg Black for the time that he has devoted to supporting this project. Greg provides regular updates on the work to Council.

The Housing First project is almost complete and we are looking forward to having occupancy for the four apartments in February. Volunteers have painted the apartments and organized the furniture for each one. The people who live in the apartments will receive support from a variety of services from the community. Wilmot's role is to be a good landlord.

After receiving a generous financial donation from Bud Bird, a Downtown United Committee was formed. The members from Wilmot are Craig Frame, Dana Hanson, Hilary Drain and Mary Tingley. Along with committee members from St. Paul's Church, they are looking at ways for the two congregations to work together for the benefit of the community. Input is being requested from members of the congregation, committees and council. Once this has been completed, the consultants will share the information that they have gathered.

As always, we extend our thanks to all at Wilmot who volunteer for the many committees and projects at Wilmot. We could not continue the work at Wilmot without their assistance. Wilmot United Church continues to be a positive place to worship and participate in a variety of activities. Our support of the vulnerable population continues and we are able to offer lunches, bus tickets, bags of food, bus passes for seniors, and haircuts. We appreciate all the support we receive from within Wilmot Church and the greater community.

Shirley Cleave, Chair

Terri MacLean, Secretary

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## **Housing First Project**

Housing First is based on the principle that safe, secure and supportive housing is a pre-requisite for helping people experiencing chronic homelessness to move to independent living.

Wilmot's "Housing First" project involves renovating the top two floors of our "Old Manse" into 4 one-bedroom apartments. With King Construction as general contractors and the team of John Leroux & Peter Fellows as architects/project coordinators, construction work began in April, 2022. The interior of the 2nd and 3rd floors was stripped of plaster walls and ceilings, with redundant walls and old wiring and pipes removed. There are always surprises in old buildings and the deconstruction phase exposed original heavy timber construction with a number of hand-hewn wood beams and lovely brick walls (that incidentally had no insulation at all). Some of the original decorative trim was saved and reinstalled to add to the character of the units. The new walls allowed us to properly insulate and wire/plumb the whole building, including adding heat pumps. A complete sprinkler system was also added, ensuring the protection of the building and occupants from any fire threat.

As the construction work was nearing completion at the end of the summer, Lynn Fullarton brought her expertise and experience to the project to deal with interior design, furnishings and painting. With the help of volunteers from the congregation and beyond, four Ikea kitchens, dressers, and nightstands were put together. Then volunteers grabbed scrappers, sanding blocks, and paint brushes and the walls and trim were painted. Only a little trim painting and a good cleaning remain before the units are ready for tenants.

Members of the Housing First Committee have been busy developing rules and regulations, purchasing appliances, liaising with other Housing First Landlords, and helping with the painting, etc.

Marilyn Luscombe is our contact with Social Development who will supply rent supplements for all the units.

Our tenants will come to Wilmot through a Coordinated Access Management system to ensure a good match for our units. They will be supported throughout by a Case Manager who will provide them with individualized, person-centered, recovery-based support services to help them recover from the experience of homelessness.

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## FINANCE AND INVESTMENTS

The Finance and Property Committee continues to oversee Wilmot's investment funds. They meet with our advisors at TD Wealth Management and manage the intake of bequests and transfers of restricted and unrestricted funds along with earned investments to the various church accounts.

Wilmot's Endowment Fund provided some \$87,500 of revenue for the operation and maintenance of the church at the corner of King and Carleton. It should be noted that this income was from the years of 2020 and 2021. During Covid, the expenses were much less and the 2020 Interest Income was re-invested.

The church commenced the first phase of a major restoration project, the Heritage Presentation Project, in 2022. The first phase, the Foundational Phase, focuses on structural work that is absolutely necessary to conserve the church's buildings (church, hall and Old Manse.) The Foundational Phase is expected to cost approximately \$300,000. The church has incurred an additional \$30,000 in engineering costs. The total cost of the Project, if fully undertaken, is estimated to be \$1.25 million.

The Foundational Phase of the Project is being funded from unrestricted investments with the provision that the church undertakes a financial campaign to raise funds if and when required.

In 2022, \$255,397 of Unrestricted Funds was transferred to the Heritage Presentation Project. A decision was made not to move into a financial campaign until there is careful consideration of the need, planning and approval of the Council.

Wilmot received a “Charitable Donation of Securities in Kind,” amounting to \$52,070 from J.W. Bud Bird. This donation is being used for the purpose of enhancing Downtown United so that St. Paul’s and Wilmot United Churches will have the potential to achieve more beneficial results through greater collaboration. In addition, Wilmot received an Unrestricted Bequest from the Estate of Muriel Elsbeth Gibson. The bequest was a “Charitable Donation of Securities in Kind,” valued at \$10,350. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue (income) in the Operating Fund when received.

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## HERITAGE PROJECTS

In 2022 several projects from the lists of recommendations included in the Heritage Engineering recommendations from 2018 report, were undertaken. These recommendations will support the long-term integrity of the Wilmot United Church building.

Two projects included carpentry repairs to the structure of Wilmot and the Manse and repairs to the masonry exterior of the Manse. In addition, engineering specifications and reports were undertaken, for repairs to the Steeple tower, Site drainage and grading plans, Stained glass maintenance, Glass repairs and protection, and Wilmot and Manse Foundation repairs.

Additional work is planned to be completed in 2023 of the project lists.

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## MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL

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*Scriptural groundings for these roles are: “And [Jesus] said to them, ‘Take care!’” (Luke 12:15) “So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.” (Galatians 6:10)*

Your M&P Committee continued to carry out several significant responsibilities, activities & decisions during 2022.

We were pleased to have Rev. Mary Tingley accept a call to full-time ministry with Wilmot on Jan 3, 2022. After initial support provided by the Search Committee member, Deb Bradbury, Gordon Cameron became her liaison with M&P. Rev. Ellen Beairsto completed her appointment on Feb 13, 2022, and the congregation held a celebration of her service with Wilmot at the June 19th church picnic. According to Ellen's wishes, a youth bursary was initiated for any parting financial thank-you gifts. Terms of this bursary are being established and we are very grateful to Ellen for this ongoing gift that will benefit Wilmot Youth.

It was determined with the Worship committee that they would organize pulpit supply and M&P's budget would cover the costs, minimum daily rate regulated by National UC. Besides Pulpit supply, Mary and Worship committee may bring a guest/presenter to do the reflection but Mary would work with that person and be responsible for other aspects of the service. It was determined that the honorarium for a guest/presenter would be ½ of the amount recommended for pulpit supply. The worship committee and M&P committee would determine whose budget covered these occasions.

M&P were again in 2022 needing to review and hire for new office administration when Kathy Aubin's employment changed in April from full-time to part-time then to retirement in October. Thanks to Terri MacLean who assisted greatly during this time by taking on some paid office administration work, heading up a committee to interview applicants and hire and train our new employees.

In August 2022, we welcomed two new employees, Brenda Cameron, Office Administrator 20 hrs/wk and Robyn Abbott, Administrator Assistant 14 hr/wk. Brenda Cameron and Robyn share some office tasks as well as each have specific responsibilities according to their skill sets. We are very fortunate and pleased to have them working at Wilmot. In the fall, M&P initiated a lunch gathering for the Fredericton United Churches' plus St Andrew's Presbyterian office administrators. Those present decided they wanted to continue to meet as colleagues to support and learn from each other.

In the late spring, M&P began to meet with Faith Formation Committee chair Mary Lynn Cameron, Rev Mary Tingley, and Shirley Cleave to address how to

support Mary in the absence of a ½ clergy position whose responsibility would have included children and youth Faith Formation. The decision was made to create a 'Children & Youth Program Coordinator' part-time contract position. A Job Description was created and we were pleased to have Amy Foster-McAllister as the employee for up to 40 hr/month on a contract basis from September through December. Her contract was renewed from Dec 31, 2022, to June 2023.

Our staff team consisting of Randy Randall (custodian plus), Arik Cornish (door supervisor), Steven Peacock & Margaret MacDonald (music) continued to adapt to the various Public Health and church Covid protocols over the year. They, along with the clergy and lay leadership, kept Wilmot United Church functioning to carry out our Wilmot mission & worship services, utilizing the new ways of being (live streaming, email newsletters, zoom ) and the gradual return to in-person worship, programs, meetings and rentals.

M&P completed staff job description reviews, making edits to reflect changes in responsibilities. We also have been consciously working to ensure that all staff compensation practices are fair and just, reflecting any professional standard guidelines, increased responsibilities, local comparisons and fair livable wages.

It was decided to renew contact with the other Fredericton United Church M&P committee chairs, inviting them to a January 2023 in-person catch up meeting. Maintaining this relationship is essential to learn from each other and ultimately find ways to enhance our ministry in our congregations and beyond during times of limited resources.

It is with much gratitude that I thank the committee members for their time and valuable contributions. Committee members are Terri Maclean (Office Administrator representative), Ruth Breen (door supervisors and custodian representative) Gordon Cameron (Mary Tingley's liaison), Kenda Clark-Gorey (music director and organist rep) and Kirby Keyser and Graham Allen (M&P financial matters).

Over 2023, the M&P committee looks forward to supporting our staff, listening and connecting to the congregation, and working with Wilmot's council.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Coates, Chair M&P Committee

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## FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE

The Faith Formation Committee is committed to the development, encouragement, oversight, and delivery of faith formation programs fostering fellowship and engaging the spirit of the Wilmot Community.

The 2022 committee members included Greg Black, Mary Lynn Cameron (chair), Jilanna Eagles, Amy Foster-McAllister, Don MacDougall, Darla MacNaughton (secretary), Elizabeth Savoie, and Mary Tingley.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Conversation continued each week under the leadership of Don and Lois MacDougall. This group relates the Bible to life and life to the Bible using the lectionary readings of the week. Conversation starts where we are, not where we should be. It is for people who are interested, curious and want to deepen their faith and understanding through an open and unassuming conversation. Don reports that this is a dedicated group of individuals who produce a lively conversation each week. The conversation allows each participant to share their interpretation of the selected passages and all interpretations are heard and accepted as heard.

The Seekers Group is an open group that accepts new members at any time and provides a safe space to raise faith-based questions. It is a forum for deepening faith and broadening the understanding of Jesus' way in the 21st century. The group meets under the shared guidance of Don MacDougall and Mary Tingley and the conversations are based on the current book study which raises central questions about the human journey from a Christian perspective. The two books studied in 2022 were: *Eternal Life: A New Vision: Beyond Religion, Beyond Theism, Beyond Heaven and Hell* by John Spong and *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence* by Diana Butler Bass.

We continued to work closely with the Cuba Connection group with the support of Greg Black. Given the relaxing of Covid-19 travel restrictions, travel to Matanzas Evangelical Theological Seminary will soon be able to resume.

For Lent, a Secret Pals Project was initiated to help stay connected with our children and youth. All interested children and youth were assigned a secret pen pal from the congregation and they exchanged letters and cards throughout the Lenten season.

The secret pen pals were revealed during Easter Sunday Service. The goal of this project was to start rebuilding intergenerational connections that may have diminished due to the Covid-19 pandemic and restrictions that were put in place as a result. The project connected seven children and youth with pen pals. Many positive comments were received along with requests to conduct the project again in the future.

We became stewards of the Pearl Ross Education Fund in May 2022. The Pearl Ross Education Fund provides financial assistance for the further education of a candidate from Wilmot United Church who has been accepted for the Ordained Ministry or Diaconal Ministry of the United Church of Canada, or for the furtherance of a cause or project intended for the betterment of youth within Wilmot United Church. To date, we have issued one bursary in the amount of \$2000 to Tait Leroux that supported her attendance at SHAD Canada at Carleton University in July 2022.

Graduates Sunday took place on June 12, 2022, and honoured 20 graduates from high school, community college, and university.

Service in Odell Park took place on June 19, 2022, at Wilmot due to inclement weather. There was a BBQ, games, and rock painting for the children, youth, and those young at heart.

It was also an opportunity to honour Ellen Beairsto and celebrate her retirement. We would like to acknowledge the tremendous contribution Ellen made to the work of the Faith Formation Committee. Ellen, thank you for supporting our community of faith, from our children and youth to our seniors, with humble leadership. You have blessed us all in so many ways!



Messy Church is a form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration, and hospitality. It is an in-person meeting at a time that suits the community, but not usually on Sunday mornings. It typically includes a welcome; a celebration time involving story, prayer, and songs; a creative time to explore the biblical theme with activities, games, and crafts; and a sit-down meal together at tables. All parts are for (and should include) people of all ages, adults and children. To date, we have carried out two Messy Church sessions: June 24, 2022 (Creation) and September 30, 2022 (Climbing Mountains). We hope to offer more sessions in 2023.

We welcomed our new Children and Youth Program Coordinator, Amy Foster-McAllister in August 2022. Amy will focus her time on supporting Godly Play, Messy Church, and Youth Group. We are excited that her 10-hour/week part-time position has been extended to the end of June 2023.

Youth Group continued for middle and high school students under the leadership of Bethany Young and Amy Foster-McAllister. It is a time of conversation, mentorship, and fellowship. On April 22, 2022, five youths and three adults attended *Anne and Gilbert – The Musical* at The Playhouse which featured fellow youth group member, Tait Leroux. Other activities included a clean-up of the waterfront area, planting flowers in the garden outside of Wilmot, a tour of the church, playing hide and seek in the sanctuary, and cooking snacks in the kitchen.

Sunday School resumed in-person for the first time since Covid-19 on September 11, 2022, with 15 children and youth attending. The Sunshine Room was painted and redesigned to facilitate the new curriculum, Godly Play. Godly Play is a method of spiritual practice exploring the mystery of God's presence in our lives. It requires teams of two to facilitate each week, a doorkeeper and a storyteller.

The story typically lasts 5-7 minutes after which the children and youth are asked wonder questions to help them engage with the story. They are then allowed time to respond to the story in a creative way with supplied materials before sharing in the feast (communion).

The Children and Youth Christmas Concert took place on December 18, 2022. It was a beautifully written play by Mary Tingley titled *Luke's Tale – An*

*Intergenerational Story Telling* that featured many of our children and youth. Many positive comments were received after the service.

Thank you to the many volunteers who support the various projects and activities planned by this committee! A very special thank you to Mary Tingley for your support, guidance, and leadership of the Faith Formation Committee.

Respectfully submitted by Darla MacNaughton

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## PASTORAL CARE AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

Committee reviews:

**Teleministry:** restructuring of this committee is underway. Rev. Mary Tingley has organized a post-Covid call roster. The Worship Committee is updating the members/adherents list and will be exploring further teleministry changes.

**Prayer Circle:** This ministry remains active and is working well behind the scenes to provide spiritual support.

**Prayer Shawl:** The members continue to knit and crochet and distribute their work widely to provide spiritual and physical comfort to many.

**Circle of Care:** This year Wilmot's Circle of Care was supported by an incredible team of volunteers who prepared and delivered 70 meals, which also included short visits, to those in need. If you know someone from Wilmot who is in need, on a short-term basis, of a nourishing meal, please advise Joan MacDonald.

**Pastoral Care and Health Committee:**

A round table review of the evolution of the Committee since its inception was carried out. Initially, there was a large component of healthcare issues (e.g., parish nurse training supervision, defibrillator acquisition and training, 911 clarification etc.) Recently this has not been at the forefront.

The role has become an umbrella committee for the other committees listed above. The Committee does not have any direct involvement with them and only acts in an indirect reporting capacity.

The Committee feels that, at this time, our role has evolved into more of an advisory committee.

Thus we have asked Council to consider a change to an advisory role with reporting of the committees above to other more appropriate standing Committees or a Council member at large. We would also ask Council to consider a yearly potluck meeting to celebrate the many individuals in the congregation who provide so much pastoral care behind the scenes.

We are mindful that streamlining the committee structure frees up a number of individuals who are called upon to serve in multiple capacities.

The Committee would like to thank the congregation for the privilege of serving as a coordinator of the tremendous pastoral care that is a hallmark of Wilmot.

Pastoral Care and Health Committee members

Kelly Ebbett

Nancy Chase

Stephen McKenzie

Mary Tingley

Dana Hanson

Guy Vezina

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## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee continued to meet monthly in-person over the past year. The committee reviewed services, made suggestions and approved baptisms and weddings that were to take place at Wilmot. Even though Covid restrictions remained in place, we enjoyed worshipping together in the sanctuary. This also meant adapting Communion services by providing individual Communion cups to each person.

Our thanks go to the Sanctuary committee for ensuring our space is always beautifully decorated. Thank you to Steven Peacock, Margaret MacDonald and the choir for the lovely music that fills our sanctuary each week. Our services were still available live-streamed and on YouTube for those wishing to watch from home. Many thanks to the team who made this possible: Doug Beairsto, Chris Colwell, Don Daye, Jacob Ebbett, Yessica Enriquez, Craig Frame, Christie Heard and Reg Sherren. And finally, special thanks to Reverend Mary Tingley who led us in thoughtful worship with grace, kindness and insight. We are blessed to have had her join our faith community.

Angela Wrobel, Chair On behalf of the Worship Committee:

Nancy Bauer

Peggy Brodie

Pam McDermid

Ellen Sherren

Wendy Wallace

Derek Ness (Co-ordinator of ushers/greeters)

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## REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

2022 was a year of rebuilding for the performing arts generally, and certainly for the two music ensembles for which the Director of Music is responsible-- the Wilmot Senior Choir and the Frank T. Pridham Memorial Handbell Choir.

Despite the prevailing Covid-19 restrictions throughout 2022, the Wilmot Senior Choir, a four-part (SATB) chorus now consisting of 24 voices, was this past year able to rehearse for and to contribute to our weekly services of worship from the beginning of March through to Christmas, with the usual break during July and August. The Senior Choir, singing music in a range of classical and contemporary sacred styles, had been showing much promise pre-pandemic in terms of a continued musical evolution, thanks to new and returning choristers in the soprano and tenor sections in particular, and it was reassuring that the balance, blend and overall quality continued this positive trend this past year. The choir usually sang from the choir loft with organ accompaniment this year, but occasionally from the floor with piano accompaniment, and our two large-diaphragm "area" microphones and new digital soundboard resulted in an improved live-streamed and live choral sound.

Similarly, the 11-member Frank T. Pridham Memorial Handbell Choir had regular rehearsals from the beginning of March through to the end of May, and from September through to Christmas, performing at six services of worship during those months. Unlike during 2021, the Handbell Choir resumed using its regular performance tables, which helped to restore its ability to approach more technically demanding repertoire. The group continues to improve both technically and musically, though one or two new ringers would be an asset in 2023.

I was directly involved in 52 live-streamed services of worship in 2022, with extra services during the Easter and Christmas seasons balancing the five summer services in July for which the music team either at St. Paul's United or St. Andrew's Presbyterian took primary musical responsibility. As in 2021 my energies as Director of Music often involved coordinating vocal soloists (many of whom came from the ranks of the Senior Choir), playing an expanded role as a soloist/accompanist/composer/ arranger in planning (with Margaret MacDonald and with Ellen Beairsto, Mary Tingley and a number of guest

ministers and lay leaders) the musical elements of our services, and in acting as a kind of floor producer to ensure coherence and continuity on the live-streaming side of our services of worship. My heartfelt thanks go to our vocal soloists--Carolyn Munro, Amy Foster-McAllister, Brian MacDonald, Amber Bishop, Neil Thorne and Rose Messenger--as well as to our many musically-inclined Youth participants who blessed us with their support on several occasions. The presence in 2022 of the Senior Choir and the Handbell Choir reminded us of the importance of vocal and instrumental polyphony in worship, something the pandemic had made all too rare in 2020 and 2021.

Throughout 2022, Margaret MacDonald performed her duties on organ and piano with a very high level of skill, creativity, flexibility and professionalism, and I continue to experience the great privilege and pleasure of being her musical colleague on a weekly basis. In addition to the instrumental support on organ, piano, classical guitar and djembe which Margaret and I have been able to provide for worship, including the youth-oriented services at various times in our Wilmot calendar which we coordinated with Ellen Beirsto, Mary Tingley and Amy Foster-McAllister, we were happy to welcome cellist Emily Kennedy, oboeist Fran Robinson and soprano Sally Dibblee as guest musicians for three of our worship services this past year. I would also add, on behalf of the Wilmot congregation, my words of thanks, praise and gratitude to the sound and live-streaming volunteers (and to Doug Beirsto in particular) who made our live-streamed services possible and whose engagement with me was consistently helpful and professional.

Respectfully submitted, Steven Peacock Director of Music

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#### RADICAL HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Radical Hospitality Committee is to foster a welcoming and all-inclusive environment amongst our Congregation and the community it serves. The work of the Radical Hospitality Committee is supported by event champions, as well as the help of many volunteers who make our events possible. We strive to meet the community where they are, not only at the Church or organized events in a fixed location.

The following are events we hosted and participated in throughout 2022:

- Tue Mar 1<sup>st</sup> – Hosted a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper for the Congregation (Covid-19 protocols limited the capacity at the supper, so only members of the Congregation were invited and we held two settings)
- Sun Mar 13<sup>th</sup> – Planned and conducted the Worship Service under the guidance of Rev. Mary Tingley; the service featured stories, prayers, songs, and other traditions that demonstrated our Congregation’s commitment to diversity, inclusion, and accessibility. After Worship, we handed out slices of pie for those in attendance to take home to enjoy with their lunch and had delivered to those not able to attend Church earlier on the weekend
- Sun Jun 19<sup>th</sup> – Hosted an indoor Picnic and Worship Service in conjunction with the M&P Committee as a celebration of Rev. Ellen Beirsto’s retirement
- Sun Aug 21<sup>st</sup> – Participated in the Fredericton Pride Parade
- Sun Sep 11<sup>th</sup> – Organized and hosted a Welcome BBQ after Worship on Welcome Sunday
- Fri Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – Organized the Annual Progressive Dinner for members of the Congregation – Appetizers were at the home of Marilyn Beatty, the main course at the Church, and dessert at Shannex, where there was also some Christmas Carols

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all the volunteers and committees who have helped to make the radical hospitality events a success in 2022. It is wonderful to witness a strong sense of hospitality within our Wilmot Community; without volunteers it would be a challenge to extend the warmth of fellowship amongst our networks.

We are looking forward to the coming year as we continue to work towards a variety of events that promote inclusive and accessible hospitality and fellowship with the hope of reaching the interests of all congregational demographics. We are always welcoming of new committee members or event champions or coordinators.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek Ness, Committee Chair

Committee Members

Derek Ness – Chair

Deb Bradbury

Norman Laverty

Lynn Fullarton – Secretary

Elizabeth Savoie

Retiring Committee Members

Maureen Toner

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#### WILMOT INFORMATION TEAM

Wilmot Information Team members met three times at the church parlour in 2022: June 15th, August 18th and October 27th. We arranged to publish a Fall Program Guide with Rick Patterson as collator, illustrator, and format manager. We asked for submissions from the many groups in our congregation, our minister and the Church Council. It was printed by UPS, and made available on our website plus a link in our weekly email announcements. It was launched on September 11, and there was a need to order extra print copies in subsequent weeks.

We met in November with our Social Media and Technical Support Manager, Robyn Abbott, who made an excellent presentation on identified needs for our proposed new website, and the four stages of workflow to accomplish this. Our proposal was presented to Church Council and approved, and Robyn has moved forward with research and design. There was an opportunity for design input from the congregation through an announcement in worship bulletins and weekly email announcements from October 31st to November



20th. The work on this is now ongoing. Meanwhile, Rev. Rose~Hannah Gaskin has reviewed the current website to bring the information up to date.

Our special feature advertisement with Brunswick News Inc. of dates and times of worship and gatherings for Easter and Christmas seasons was organized by Nancy Bauer, our liaison member with the Worship Committee.

Church Council passed our recommendation to have Wilmot's historical material transferred for safekeeping to Maritime Conference United Church Archives in Sackville, N.B. for climate-controlled storage, cataloguing and accessibility, and there is the intention to have data from our current website preserved in a backup by Dylan Sweeney.

Members of the Wilmot Information Team in 2022 were Nancy Bauer, Rick Patterson, Rev. Mary Tingley and Lucille Caseley (Chairperson).

Special helpers on the team were Robyn Abbott (Church Office) and Shirley Cleave (Church Council Chairperson)

Submitted by Lucille Caseley, WIT Chairperson

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## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

### **Wilmot United Church Outreach Committee Annual Financial Summary**

January 1, 2022 Outreach Committee Bank Statement opening balance:

\$20,357.76

Minus December 2021 outstanding cheques total: \$626.74 =

\$19,731.02

<u>Projects:</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
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Transportation	\$508.89	\$98.90
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(fr: Biggs Fund bequest)

Drop In	\$58.00	\$1,596.94
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Fair Trade	\$2,156.50	\$4,266.33
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(D McIntosh Investment annual interest) \$396.30

General A/C

- Campus Ministry	\$670.00	\$670.00
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(Fr: Biggs Fund bequest)

- Fr: Biggs Fund bequest	\$1,535.82	\$2,482.27
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- Admin (stamps, envelopes, printer paper & cartridge)		
\$207.21		

### **Wednesday @ Wilmot**

- Benevolent donations/ memorials	\$23,225.11	\$22,500.00
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(Victory gift cards)

- Investment income	\$362.46	
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### **Community Donations:**

- St Dunstan's Church for bus passes	\$2000.00	\$2000.00
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- "Y" Men for senior bus passes	\$400.00	spent in
January 2023		

- UCW for fall fresh food	\$2000.00	\$2000.00
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- St Dunstan's Church	\$1000.00	\$401.39**
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(for Warming Center)

**Grants:**

- Fredericton Co-op (Mar 2022-Mar 2023) \$7,000.00 \$6,056.98\*\*  
(specified for haircuts, bus tickets, pantry & lunch supplies)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Security \$7,000.00 \$7,000.00
- Windsor Foundation (Nov 2022-Dec 2023) \$18,000.00  
\$2,365.15\*\*  
(specified for fresh food)

**TOTALS:** \$66,313.08  
\$51,645.17

Forwarding balance for January 2023 \$34,398.93

\*\* \$598.61 - Held in Reserved for Warming Center

\*\* \$943.02 – Held in Reserve for Fredericton Co-op for haircuts & lunch supplies

\*\* \$15,655.26 – Held in Reserve for the Windsor Foundation for fresh food

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**QUILTERS AND FELLOWSHIP**

Our Quilters have regularly met in the parlour most Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

There are usually 5 or 6 folks busy each time at the quilt though we draw from a number of 8 or 9.

Throughout the year, we have completed 5 quilts, mainly prepared by members of our group or their family. It is a time for quilting, friendship and of course the inevitable cup of tea!

We welcome members of our community to drop by to pick up a needle, and a cup of tea and also enjoy the fellowship!

Respectfully submitted,

Gillian Keyser, UCW Secretary

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## WILMOT UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we began our meetings for the year in March with a bring-and-buy auction, always a fun time and a good way to start off the year! Some members had been involved earlier in sending out the no-bake sale letters which are mailed to all women of the church community.

We continued our meetings each month throughout the year with our closing meeting in June held with a luncheon catered by Gibson United Fundraising Committee. We resumed our meetings in September after the summer break. Our attendance has continued steadily with 20 – 24 each month. We all enjoy the fellowship together with programs from our members or outside speakers.

Our fundraisers have continued this past year with spring and fall rummage sales, apple pie making, bake and new-to-you sale. Our adaptations for hosting these events during Covid have continued. People continue to be generous with their time; their money and contributions and we are indeed very thankful to them! We also catered 5 funerals during the year. Through our fundraising, we are able to support the work and outreach of Wilmot, the UCC Mission and Service fund, as well as several local charities.

The Helen A. Young Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Jonathan Chase attending Woodstock NBCC.

Over 120 cards were sent out to our Wilmot family—for special birthday and anniversary celebrations, birth announcements, and for sickness and bereavement. At Christmas, remembrances were distributed to many senior members of Wilmot with a small treat and a poem written by our own Lucille Caseley.

Thank you again for all your support in making our year so very successful.

Respectfully submitted,

Gillian Keyser, Secretary UCW

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## UCW Financial Report

### **Wilmot UCW Treasurer's Report -December 31, 2022**

Balance on Hand January 1, 2022		\$25,421.25
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#### Receipts:

Monthly Offering	2470.00	
Foodless Food Sale	3445.00	
Bring & Buy Sale	417.00	
Donations	1715.00	
Rummage/Spring	3245.75	
Rummage/Fall	3580.40	
Apple Pie Sales	3551.00	
Apple Pie Donations	173.00	
Bake Sale & New To You	2471.00	
Catering	1525.00	
Cookbooks	70.00	
Gibson Memorial	900.00	
Reimbursement for Postage/Wilmot Church	101.43	
Transfer in from Scholarship Account	67.50	
Least Coin	44.90	
Total Receipts		\$23,776.98

#### Disbursements:

Wilmot Church General	3500.00
Wilmot Church M&S	3200.00
Wilmot Church Capital	9000.00

Wilmot United Church Outreach	2000.00	
Wilmot United Church Housing First	200.00	
Wilmot Youth (T. Leroux) Sponsorship	1000.00	
Ellen's Scholarship	500.00	
Fredericton Community Kitchen	800.00	
Fredericton Women In Transition House	500.00	
Hospice House	500.00	
Apple Pie Expenses	855.11	
Postage	405.72	
Catering Expenses	392.92	
Membership Dues	144.00	
Rummage Sale Expenses	200.00	
Transfer to Scholarship/Jean Smith Mem.	50.00	
Transfer to Scholarship/Laurie Drain Mem.	50.00	
Scholarship to Jonathan Chase	250.00	
Donation: Church Camp/Young Amphitheatre	200.00	
Gifts for Seniors	71.61	
Gifts for Staff	300.00	
Help Project	100.00	
Gibson Memorial/Meals	1080.00	
Sundry	76.96	
Bank S/C	9.95	
Total Disbursements		-\$25,386.27
Total UCW as at December 31, 2022		\$23,811.96
Held for Quilters		5,617.50
Bank Balance as at December 31, 2022		\$29,429.46

Note: \$1800 held in Reserve for  
Housing First

## **Helen A. Young Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Beginning Balance January 1, 2022	\$486.57
Memorial Transfer/Jean Smith	50.00
Memorial Transfer/Laurie Drain	50.00
Memorial Donation/Marie Baker	100.00
Interest on Investment	67.50
Transfer out for 2022 Scholarship	-67.50
Interest on Account	4.04
Bank S/C	-4.50
Balance as at December 31, 2022	\$686.11

Note: \$15,000 Held in RBC GICs @1.25%. Maturity Date May 11,  
2023

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Cameron  
Treasurer

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## FREDERICTON RURAL CEMETERY REPORT

Funeral Homes	Traditional	Cremation	Sub Total	On Weekends
McAdams	11	26	37	12
Bishops	2	8	10	5
York	2	8	10	4
Families & Out of town		18	18	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>25</b>

It has been a busy 2022 at the Fredericton Rural Cemetery. Interments for the year increased from 53 in 2021 to 75 in 2022.

Traditional burials continue to drop with 80% of burials moving towards cremation. People are also choosing to use Columbariums to intern their loved ones and we expect this number to increase over the next few years. With Covid hopefully behind us, many families are now doing the burials that were postponed over the last 3 years. Weekends funerals have also increased with no funeral homes involved in the plans.

In October 2021 when Doug Cote retired, we decided to contract out the mowing for the Fredericton Rural Cemetery extension. This worked well for the Cemetery but put a lot more pressure on the caretaker to keep the main cemetery mowed and clipped. Doug Cote has now expressed an interest in returning on a part-time basis. That decision will be made in the spring of 2023.

We welcomed Greg Banks to the Cemetery in 2022 and he proved to be a great help in maintaining the Cemeteries. This year, Greg's hours will move to 10 hours/week which will gradually increase when Greg takes over Gilbert's position when he retires in 2 to 3 years.

We have ordered a new lawn mower for 2023 which will be delivered in the Spring. It was time to upgrade the current mower.



Gilbert and Greg were kept busy levelling and straightening monuments as well as removing trees and shrubs that were threatening the foundation of many monuments.

We continue to add topsoil to the river bank and will work on adding loads of rock to prevent more erosion.

Hopefully, there will not be a lot of flooding this year.

### **Fredericton Rural Cemetery 2022 Financial Report**

<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	
Sales & Service	\$94,861.84
From Investments	\$52,000.00
Grant / donations	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$146,961.84</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	
Payroll	\$76,804.44
Worksafe premiums	\$490.19
Classic Memorials	\$14,276.45
Cain Insurance	\$1,156.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,293.75
Office Expenses	\$4,976.69
HST expenses (2022)	\$14,322.42
Bank charges / Ceridian Expenses	\$1309.32
Bell Aliant / Internet	\$1,546.56
Electricity	\$1,128.79
Accounting expenses	\$3,657.00

Mowing Contract	\$16,800.00
Greg Bank	\$1,850.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$139611.61</b>

Respectfully submitted: Peter Curtis

Chair Fredericton Rural Cemetery

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# ENVELOPE STEWARDS REPORT

## 2022 Envelope Givings Report

Interval	M & S												Capital		Total Givings									
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2022	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2021	2022	
1-99	9	9	17	33	23	31	28	31	15	15	1	1	1	89	97	190	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
100-199	13	9	11	27	20	23	23	23	19	18	1	1	1	89	87	190	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
200-299	12	9	10	13	17	18	18	18	9	9	1	1	1	132	132	132	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
300-399	8	11	13	13	17	14	18	16	11	11	1	1	1	140	140	140	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
400-499	10	21	17	22	27	27	22	27	10	11	1	1	1	132	132	132	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
500-599	22	16	18	24	23	21	22	21	11	11	1	1	1	19	19	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
600-699	18	23	20	21	22	22	22	22	5	6	1	1	1	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
700-799	34	30	32	37	35	4	4	4	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
800-899	8	10	16	10	7	6	2	2	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
900-999	7	5	5	4	6	4	2	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1000-1499	5	5	6	5	3	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1500-1999	3	3	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2000-2499	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2500-2999	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
3000-3499	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
3500-3999	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
4000-4499	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4500-4999	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
5000-5999	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
6000-6999	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
7000-7999	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
8000-8999	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
9000-9999	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
No. of Envs	184	180	197	277	221	221	114	116	78	82	1	1	1	89	97	190	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total	\$229,855	\$230,674	\$259,987	\$235,188	\$224,863	\$48,762	\$52,650	\$61,045	\$25,734	\$28,239	\$32,242	\$33,172	\$32,253	\$31,021	\$45,722	\$37,230	\$372,038	\$403,464	\$377,230	\$1,820	\$1,847	\$1,847	\$1,820	\$1,724
Ave/Env	\$1,249	\$1,282	\$1,320	\$1,036	\$1,017	\$536	\$560	\$526	\$330	\$344	\$362	\$338	\$333	\$1,847	\$1,820	\$1,959	\$1,500	\$2,234	\$1,858	\$1,847	\$1,847	\$1,820	\$1,724	\$1,724

Envelope Givings compared to the PAR method of giving	
Number	Total
Local	\$1,302
M & S	\$267
Capital	\$140
Total	\$1,939 PAR
Local	\$1,302
M & S	\$267
Capital	\$140
Total	\$1,939 PAR

Percentage Change 2022/2021	
Local	Total
-2.5%	-4.2%
3.6%	3.9%
-4.3%	-1.2%
1.5%	1.5%

Total givings include donations to all church accounts. In 2022, there were 26 such accounts to which donations were given.

The table is a summary of donations received by those who have numbered set of envelopes and by those giving by PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance). Thank-you to Kathy Aulbin and Brenda Cameron who records the givings which have been received in several ways (envelopes, PAR, e-transfers, CanadaHelps, drop-offs and mail).  
Respectively submitted,  
Craig Frame

## WILMOT UNITED CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**February 27, 2022 - Meeting was held on Zoom**

### **Welcome:**

Shirley Cleave welcomed all to our Annual Meeting. We will have a chance to look back at 2021 and look ahead to the future.

**Celebrations:** We celebrated those who are 80 plus, and Jim Nicholson was the oldest member attending at the age of 91.

Craig Frame is acting as monitor for the Zoom meeting.

### **Opening Prayer:**

Rev. Mary Tingley led us in the opening prayer, she lit a candle in the name of the one who we follow, in the light.

There were no new items to be added for New Business.

### **Opening Motions:**

- a) **Appointment of Chair and Secretary:** Motion that Shirley Cleave act as Chair of the meeting and Terri MacLean act as Secretary for the meeting.  
Moved: Mary Tingley. Seconded: Derek Ness. Carried
- b) **Permission for Adherents to Vote:** Motion that adherents be granted permission to vote.  
Moved: Ida Orenbach. Seconded: Brian MacDonald. Carried

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion that the Agenda, as circulated, be approved.

Moved: Dana Hanson. Seconded: Marilyn Luscombe. Carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion that the Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting held on February 21, 2021 be approved.

Moved: Anne Marie Atkinson. Seconded: Steve MacKenzie. Carried.

As a congregation and church, we should be proud of ourselves, we have acted in accordance with Covid Health Mandates, and been able to carry on with our outreach, groups and worship.

a) Motion for acceptance of the Annual Report for information.

Moved: Derek Ness. Seconded: Sally McAllister. Carried.

**b) Remembrance of those who died in 2021:**

We paused to remember and celebrate the following:

William Douglas Haggart  
Hannah Keiley  
John David (Dan) Hubert  
Marjorie Pauline Ann Grant  
Rev. Garth Caseley  
Cecil "Todd" Whitlock  
Mary Jean Smith  
Mavis Sturgeon  
Nancy Ellen Feres (nee Jarvis)  
Lorne James Butler  
Lydie Mawhinney  
Carolyn Elsie Dalzell  
Muriel Elsbeth Gibson

c) **Financial Statement for 2021** – Mary Anne Van Oostwaard

We invited Mary Anne Van Oostwaard, from Daye Kelly & Associates, to present the Financial Statement to us. There is a new format to the statement this year as the Rural Cemetery statement has been included. Investment income was significant this year and is reflected in the statement. Employment expenses were down by approximately \$9,000. Monies were set aside for the Heritage Project renovations.

Motion that the Financial Report as presented by Mary Anne Van Oostwaard be accepted.

Moved: Peter Curtis. Seconded: Gerhard Dueck. Carried.

Thank you to Mary Anne for her presentation and continued work on the finances of Wilmot United Church.

d) **Recognition of Volunteers** - Derek Ness.

Derek thanked all those who volunteer within the various committees and groups at Wilmot. The work that they do is valued and important not only within the church but in the wider community.

e) **Recognition of Staff** - Gordon Cameron, M & P Committee

Gordon thanked Ellen Beairsto, Peter Short, Randy Randall, Kathy Aubin, Steven Peacock and Margaret MacDonald for all that they contribute to Wilmot. Their work and dedication are much appreciated. Ellen, you will be missed dearly, you have been an inspiration to all. You hold a special place in our hearts. Peter, you have been our rock, a geological pillar. We thank you for your service to Wilmot. We are now saying goodbye to Ellen and Peter as our called ministers and want to recognize them for their contributions to worship, the youth and pastoral care. They will be missed but we want to wish them well as they begin a new period in their lives. To all our staff, during another Covid year, thank you for your patience, guidance and perseverance. We are returning to a new normal, grateful to each and every one of you.

## **ENABLING OUR MISSION IN 2022**

a) **Wilmot Growing Together** –

- i) **Housing First Update** – John Leroux and Marilyn Luscombe  
It has been a challenge but we have moved forward and will construct four supportive housing rental units on the second and third floor of the Old Manse. King Construction was the successful tender for the renovations. Since we have an ongoing relationship with this construction company, they have given us a reduction in cost. Peter Fellows has offered to help with the project at a reduced fee. After the renovations are completed, our energy bill should show a significant reduction. Sprinkler system will be installed to help with safety. There will be a property tax reduction for the second and third floors once they are being used as rentals and this will be at least a 50% reduction in taxes for 2/3

of the building.

We have received financial support from Fredericton Housing First in the amount of \$207,000, Reaching Home has given \$263,722. We received a financial donation from Frank Goddard in the amount of \$55,000 in memory of his wife, Anna Dawn, who felt Wilmot's outreach was an important role for the community. John thanked Frank Goddard who is so happy that we are going to be able to complete this project and we will honour the memory of his wife, Anna Marie in doing so.

There will be a rental supplement of \$900/month per tenant. The tenants will be charged 1/3 of their income towards rent. If we have a vacancy, we will still receive rental income from Social Development while we look for a new tenant. All tenants will receive support from social agencies in the community so that they are able to be successful in their move to individual housing. We will work with the agencies – providing wrap around services for the tenants, as partners in the community. Wilmot Church will engage with the tenants as part of our own community.

John expressed his thanks to Shirley Cleave for carrying this project through. Thanks, on behalf of Wilmot, were expressed to Marilyn for her work with Social Development and to John for his work in design and contacts with the industry. We could not have begun this project without their assistance.

- ii) Community Engagement – We need to look at ways to make better use of our building- not only as a church but as part of the community. We do this in many ways with our outreach programs. Using our buildings is one way to help our congregation to continue to connect with the greater community. Through the United Property Resource Corporation, an entity within the nation church, there is assistance for congregations interested in enhancing community use of their facilities. This gives us an opportunity to think about the future of our building.

b. **Downtown United Project**

We were approached by Bud Bird, and offered an opportunity to look at ways to improve the use of our two downtown churches (St. Paul's and Wilmot). Mary Tingley, Hilary Drain, Dana Hanson and Craig Frame will represent Wilmot. The Rev. Michelle Armstrong and three members of St. Paul's will represent their congregation. The Committee will be responsible for planning an appropriate process and hiring a consulting to undertake the work. Mr. Bird has made a donation of \$50,000 to each of the churches, and an outline of this project is attached to the minutes.

Motion that we accept the Downtown United Project.

Moved: Blaine Atkinson. Seconded: Steve MacKenzie. Carried.

c. **Heritage Preservation Project** – Greg Black

Greg Black spoke about the progress that has been made and the actual work that is beginning in the next few weeks. The first phase of the overall project includes carpentry work, foundational repairs, site work to improve drainage and repairs to coloured glass in the balcony. King Construction has tendered successfully to do this work which will take place over the next several months. The first amount of money needed for the project was \$300,000, which as explained earlier in the financial statement, has been set aside. We have received generous financial support for the work that will be undertaken over the next several months. Depending on total costs, a fundraising campaign may be undertaken later in the year. Thank you to Greg Black and his committee for their work, we appreciate Greg's commitment to the ongoing work.

d. **Search Committee Update** – Mary Lynn Cameron

Our Search Committee has been extremely active. They were pleased to welcome Rev. Mary Tingley to the full-time ministry position at Wilmot. The half-time position description is being finalized and will be posted on Church Hub soon. Thank you to Mary Lynn and all committee



members for their dedication to the search for the Ministry Team for Wilmot.

e. **Committee Membership for 2022** – Derek Ness

New members of various committees were identified:

M & P – Deb Bradbury, representative for Rev. Mary Tingley

Outreach – Connie Bothwell

Trustees – Mary Tingley

Housing First – John Leroux, Marilyn Luscombe, Ruth Breen, Claire Buck, Gerhard Dueck, Lynn Fullarton, Steve MacKenzie

Downtown United Churches Project – Hilary Drain, Craig Frame, Dana Hanson and Mary Tingley

Treasurers – Gerhard Dueck, Blair Kennedy and Blaine Atkinson

Move adoption of Nominating Committee Report for 2022.

Moved: Derek Ness. Seconded: Susan MacLeod. Carried.

Thank you to Derek for his work on this committee.

f. **Finances for 2022**

i. Gerhard Dueck presented the Local Church Expenses Summary for 2022.

Motion that the budget for Local Church Expenses for 2022 be accepted as presented.

Moved: Gerhard Dueck. Seconded: Blaine Atkinson. Carried.

ii. Mission and Service Fund – Marg Routledge

Motion that the Mission and Services goal for 2022 be set at \$60,000.

Moved: Marg Routledge. Seconded. Gerhard Dueck. Carried.

- iii. Capital Projects Budget – Greg Black  
Greg presented a summary of the projects that were undertaken in 2021 and plans for 2022 projects

Motion that the Capital Projects Budget be set at \$30,000 for 2022.

Moved: Greg Black. Seconded: Doug Beirsto. Carried.

**g. Appointment of Accountants – Peter Curtis**

Motion that Daye Kelly & Associates be appointed as the accounting firm for 2022.

Moved: Peter Curtis. Seconded. Blaine Atkinson. Carried.

Thank yous to Mary Ann Oostwaard for her work on the financial statement, Kathy Aubin for preparing the Annual Report and accounting work, Doug Beirsto for the satellite zoom, Craig Frame as Zoom Moderator and all who have worked on preparation for the Annual Meeting.

**Commissioning and Benediction:** Mary spoke about the light of the candle that will continue to go out into the world as we carry out the work before us.

Shirley Cleave, Chair

Terri MacLean, Secretary

**ATTACHMENTS**

**Attendance:**

Nancy Chase, Steve Peacock Irene Forbes, Shirley Cleave, Craig Frame, Barb Frame, Doug Beirsto, Nancy Gilbert, Haley Keyser, Steve MacKenzie, Arlene Pineo, Joyce Tries, Rita Roach, Deb Bradbury, Marilyn Luscombe, Karl Wicks, Bob Willis, Peter Gough, Linda Gough, Ida Orenbach, Lynda Jean Coffin, Greg Black, Derek Ness, Susan MacLeod, Twila Buttimer, Ruth Breen, Rev. Mary Tingley, Nancy Bauer, Gerhard Dueck, Terri MacLean, John Leroux, Anne Marie Atkinson, Blaine Atkinson, Jim Nicholson, Blair Kennedy, Ann Kennedy,

Mary Lynn Cameron, Gordon Cameron, Reg Sherren, Ellen Sherren Gill Keyser, Kirby Keyser, Rev. Ellen Beirsto, Dana Hanson, Phyllis Hanson, Kelly Ebbett, Anne Colpitts, Guy Vezina, Gail Wylie, Marg Routledge, Angela Wrobel, Sally MacAllister, Ann Price, John Price, Elaine Kenyon, Brian MacDonald, Margaret MacDonald, Lois MacDougall, Don MacDougall, Peter Curtis, Melva Curtis, Clair Buck, Ron Buck, Gabe Gibson, Helen Dykeman, Beth Paynter, and Elizabeth Savoie

## RE: DOWNTOWN UNITED PROJECT

### Background

To the congregations of both St. Paul's and Wilmot United Churches in Fredericton, J. W. Bud Bird wishes to donate a joint gift of \$100,000 for the purpose of enhancing Downtown United so that the two Churches will have the potential to achieve more beneficial results through greater collaboration.

It is intended that this gift will be conveyed in equal amounts of \$50,000 to each Church with the understanding in good faith that the funds will be used as follows:

"In view of the donations committed to both Wilmot and St. Paul's churches, be it resolved that the congregation of Wilmot approves the following course of action:

1. To receive the stated gift of \$50,000, and to work with the Treasurer to establish a tracking mechanism for expenditures from the fund solely for the intended purpose, on the express condition that parallel matching action will be taken by the congregation of St. Paul's.
2. To commit to collaborate with St. Paul's in an intensive consultation process, and possible implementation, of continuing and potential activities that will sustain and enhance the combined missions of service by both congregations within the Greater Fredericton community. The Project to be undertaken as soon as possible and completed prior to December 31, 2023
3. To appoint the Minister and three qualified volunteer members of the congregation of Wilmot to serve as its representatives on the Downtown United Project Committee (one of such volunteers to be designated as Co-Chair of that Committee).
4. To authorize those representatives from Wilmot to engage fully with their counterparts from St. Paul's in developing guidelines for the Downtown United Project. All expenditures for the project to be shared equally by both congregations and to be authorized jointly by the Co-chairs.
5. To instruct those representatives that a well-qualified individual (***independent of, or compatible with, both congregations***) be professionally engaged to lead the Project, as well as engaging such other

assistance (e.g., Financial Planning) or entities as may be deemed necessary to the Project.

6. To request that the leader of the Project, together with representatives on the Project Committee, submit a progress report to both congregations not later than March 31, 2023, containing interim recommendations for actions and continuity arising from the Project process to that date.
7. To request that the leader of the Project, together with the representatives on the Project Committee, submit a final comprehensive report to both congregations no later than December 31, 2023, with specific recommendations for the enhancement of Downtown United service to our community.”